

**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
PROGRESS POLLUTION REPORT**

I. HEADING

Date: June 14, 1993

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Subject: Frontier Chemical Processes, Inc., Niagara Falls,
Niagara County, NY - Cyanides, Oxidizers, Flam-
mables, Corrosives, Halogenated and
Non-Halogenated Solvents

POLREP NO: Nine (9)

II. BACKGROUND

SITE/SPILL NO.:	AY
D.O. NO.:	0026-02-036
RESPONSE AUTHORITY:	CERCLA/SARA
NPL STATUS:	Non-NPL
START DATE:	December 22, 1992
APPROVAL STATUS:	Authorization of Funding from Deputy Regional Administrator
STATUS OF ACTION MEMO:	Signed May 17, 1993

III. RESPONSE INFORMATION

A. Situation

1. See Polrep #1.

B. Actions Taken

1. During the weeks of May 17, ERCS continued maintenance activities throughout the facility. An additional 284 RCRA-empty drums were sent off site to Harbison Brothers, a drum recycling company. ERCS continues to process the empty drums by consolidating the compatible liquids and solids into new drums.
2. During the week of May 24, the maintenance crew was required to overpack six leaking drums and process 21,300 gallons of water through the on-site GAC units into storage tank no. 1.
3. During the week of June 7, ERCS was required to overpack four leaking drums and process 29,800 gallons of water through the on-site GAC units into storage tank no. 1.
4. EPA continues to work closely with the city of Niagara Falls POTW for complying with the numerous reporting requirements of the POTW permit for the facility. The POTW requires daily sampling, bi-monthly integrator reports from daily integrator reading, quarterly sampling and analyses as well as individual sampling and analyses for batch discharges.
5. On Thursday May 20, Notice Letters, Draft Consent Orders, generator information, and volumetric lists were sent to 447 PRPs. Dedicated phone lines have been established at the command post, and a staffing schedule to answer PRP questions has been established by RAB, ORC and PSB. Upon receipt of the mailings, the PRPs began contacting members of the RAB, ORC and PSB. As of June 14 a total of 240 PRPs have contacted EPA to date. A myriad of questions and comments have been discussed and answered.
6. EPA has scheduled a meeting with the PRPs on Wednesday June 23, 1993. This meeting will be held at the Niagara Falls Air Force Base. The meeting will discuss EPA actions to date and EPA's consent order. In addition the second part of the meeting will be held to allow the PRPs to work within steering committees, and to organize themselves into a specific focused group. The response due date for the notice letters has been extended to July

2, 1993.

C. Future Actions

1. Maintenance of the facility and 24-hour security will continue.
2. ERCS will complete the drum consolidation process and begin to repair numerous leaks on tanks 205, 113, 108, in Buildings #50 and #27.

D. Key Issues

1. EPA has encouraged the PRPs to form a steering committee to help organize the PRPs into a manageable entity. However, the lack of a major contributor at the site (i.e., 10% or more), has delayed the organization process. The PRPs appear to be partially organized and it is anticipated that the informational meeting to be held will assist in the organization.

IV. COST INFORMATION:

	Amount Obligated to DCN#932AKE0004, DCN#932AKE0010, DCN#932AKE0031	Cost To Date (As of 06/15/93)	Amount Remaining
Cleanup Contractor			
DCN# 932AKE0004	\$ 900,000	\$ 772,000	\$ 128,000
932AKE0010			
932AKE0031			
EPA/TAT	\$ 250,000	\$ 230,000	\$ 20,000
SITE TOTAL	\$ 1,150,000	\$ 1,002,000	\$ 148,000